



# County of San Diego

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## **Community Corrections Partnership Meeting Minutes April 1, 2015**

### **CCP Executive Committee Members Present**

Mack Jenkins (Chief Probation Officer); William Gore (Sheriff); Alfredo Aguirre for Nick Macchione (Director, Health and Human Services Agency); Jim Redman (El Cajon Chief of Police).

### **CCP Committee Members Present**

Dorothy Thrush for Ron Lane (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Safety Group); Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, SanDAG); Charlene Autolino (Chair, San Diego Reentry Roundtable); Andy Hall (Director of Adult Programs, San Diego Workforce Partnership).

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chief Probation Officer, Mack Jenkins opened the meeting at 2:07pm. All of the Executive and CCP Committee members in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Report From the Chair**

Chief Probation Officer Jenkins reported the following:

Probation is not going to pursue the McArthur Foundation Grant mentioned at the last CCP meeting.

Chief Jenkins reported on outcomes for realignment offenders under probation supervision (Post Release Community Supervision/Mandatory Supervision). He reminded the CCP that Probation produces a Recidivism Report every quarter. Probation measures recidivism by tracking subsequent felony or misdemeanor convictions during the term of supervision. For Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2014-15 (October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>), the Mandatory Supervision offenders had a 6% recidivism rate, down from 21% in the previous quarter, while the Post Release Community Supervision offenders had a 23%, down from 31% in the previous quarter.

*Protect community safety, reduce crime and assist victims through offender accountability and rehabilitation.*

**Update: Employment Strategies for Justice Involved Individuals**

*Andy Hall, Director of Adult Programs- San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP)*

Andy Hall reported that of the former inmates coming into the American Job Centers county-wide; 66% are now employed. However, Andy commented that outcomes could be better. The SDWP is seeking to bring services to the inmate population. SDWP has recently applied for a grant from the Department of Labor (DOL) for \$500k over a two-year period. The grant would allow SDWP to establish a job center at the East Mesa Reentry Facility as well as establishing a satellite site at the South Bay Probation office.

Andy further reported that while many employers are adding jobs, not all are likely to hire someone with a criminal history. The DOL grant would allow SDWP to align with public entities to provide services. The SDWP expects to receive the results of the application this summer. The proposed project is a single employment service provider that would manage the process from in-custody (in partnership with Sheriff) through release and reentry (in partnership with Probation). Once enrolled, the client will have access to a number of services, including vocational skills training and support services (bus passes, childcare, licensing fees, tools for a trade, etc.) One FTE will be involved in attending Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council events and speaking with employers about the benefits of hiring previously incarcerated individuals.

Additionally, SDWP is moving forward with enrolling all twelve of the American Job Centers into the Community Resource Directory (CRD).

Chief Jenkins commented that employers may receive certain tax credits as an incentive to employ former-inmates. Andy noted that, while tax credits are nice, employers will not hire somebody if that individual cannot do the job.

**BSCC Community Recidivism Reduction Grant Program**

*Rachel Solov, Deputy District Attorney, Collaborative Courts and Realignment Unit*  
*Karl Halbritter, Departmental Budget Manager, District Attorney's Office*

Rachel Solov and Karl Halbritter from the District Attorney's office gave a presentation on the proposed design of a competitive process to distribute the BSCC Community Recidivism Reduction Grant funds. The Community Recidivism Reduction Grant funds total \$500K and must be disbursed in awards not to exceed \$50K per provider. Contracts for grant funds should be in place before the state's deadline of December, 2015.

**PowerPoint: The Road to Reducing Recidivism — Penal Code 1233.10 Project Planning**

The entire PowerPoint presentation can be found on the CCP website at the following link:  
<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/probation/docs/CCP%20Meeting%20Presentation-%204.1.15.pdf>

Staff from the District Attorney's Office presented a multi-agency plan to expand risk and needs screening to a larger group of offenders earlier in the criminal justice process, including both in custody and out of custody. For those in custody, the screening will be completed in the jail. For those out of custody, the offender will complete the screening tool when he/she appears in court for his/her arraignment. The risk/needs screening

score will then be provided to the Court, Prosecutor, and Defense to provide key information earlier in the criminal justice process. Additional assessments and appropriate referrals to service will be made either prior to or following sentencing.

BSCC grant funds will be awarded to provide services to offenders who have been screened and assessed. Funds will be awarded to link offenders to and/or provide community service programming to meet the needs of offenders. All community providers who meet the requirements in statute will be welcome to respond to the procurement.

Chief Jenkins called for a vote of the CCP to move forward with plan as presented by the District Attorney's Office.

**Motion:** Sheriff Bill Gore moved to accept the proposal, with instructions to move forward.

**Second:** Alfredo Aguirre seconded.

**Vote:** All voting members voted in favor, with none opposed and no abstentions.

**Outcome:** The motion passed.

### **Offender Treatment Update**

*Mack Jenkins, Chief Probation Officer- Chair*

Chief Jenkins gave an overview on the status of treatment and intervention services for realignment offenders. As a follow up to the treatment discussion held at the January CCP meeting, the Chief reported Probation is continuing to see a need for additional treatment resources to meet the needs of offenders under supervision. Chief Jenkins further advised the CCP that Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) report waiting lists for residential treatment programs (RTPs) and a number of offenders reoffend or abscond from supervision while waiting to get into programs.

There were two Public speakers on this item:

*Garret Bellis, Senior Probation Officer, AB109 South Bay office*

Sr. Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Bellis stated that the ability to supervise in the community has been greatly improved under AB109. However, DPOs are currently running into tall obstacles with waiting lists for treatment beds and other service providers. Currently, Sr. PO Bellis carries 62 cases, with many transient offenders. Sr. PO Bellis stressed the need to open up more RTP beds. What the officers are doing is working, but the dearth of treatment beds is bringing about recidivism. Numbers will continue to increase if this problem is not addressed. The DPOs need options that the offender can choose from which, in turn, will create an interest in their own rehabilitation. Chief Jenkins agreed that there is a need for more capacity for residential treatment and sober living beds, and noted that sending homeless offenders to outpatient treatment is not likely to be useful.

*Karna Lau, Supervising Probation Officer, AB109 Community Transition Center (CTC)*

Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Karna Lau noted that, there is a shortfall in funding at the CTC. She added that the CTC was designed for Post Release Community Supervision offenders to stay for a period of up to ten days to conduct assessments and case planning. Today, the CTC is also serving

about 75% of the mandatory supervision split offenders that come under Probation supervision. The average length of stay at the CTC is about 15 days for Mandatory Supervision offenders and 11 days for Mandatory Supervision violators. These offenders are referred to the CTC by the Court.

Wait times at the CTC range from 7-28 days. The median length of stay in February was 40 days. A longer stay impacts the contract due to many case management issues (physical and mental health, DMV, etc.) and impacts the CTC's ability to stay within budget.

Chief Jenkins reported that he will come back to the CCP Executive Committee with a recommendation for increased treatment funding at a future meeting.

### **SB 678/Funding**

*Mack Jenkins, Chief Probation Officer- Chair*

Chief Jenkins gave an update to the SB 678 Plan. The Chief reminded CCP members that SB 678 was passed by the legislature incentive Probation Departments to improve outcomes for felony probationers. The San Diego 678 plan has five objectives:

1. Create an EBP Leadership Academy
2. Provide Services to the Target population
3. Create an Incentives and Sanctions Continuum
4. Develop and Implement and Balanced Approach Supervision model
5. Complete an Evaluation

Since the implementation of AB 109 and Probation's effort to reduce low risk cases, there has been a reduction of county probation cases and an increase in revocations to the state and local prison, thus San Diego SB 678 revenues have declined. In FY 14/15 the County received the state minimum allocation of \$200K. Chief Jenkins reported that CPOC is currently working with the Governor's office and the Department of Finance to revise and update the SB 678 formula to reflect the significant changes in the criminal justice system since 2009. He indicated he is optimistic the revised formula will allow Probation to significantly increase the SB 678 revenue.

In the current SB 678 plan, funding is supporting:

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) services for probationers through SAY San Diego
- Employment and Work Readiness training through CEO
- An RFP for Residential Treatment services is pending

### **PowerPoint: SB678/Funding**

The entire PowerPoint presentation can be found on the CCP website at the following link:  
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Highlights from the presentation include:

- Purpose of SB 678
- Goals of the SD County SB 678 Plan

- San Diego County SB 678 Outcomes — as revenues decreased, probation failures (revocations) increased
- Top 4 Needs of High Risk Probationers — substance abuse (75%), vocational/educational (45%), residential instability (41%), and criminal opportunity (37%)
- Next Steps — update the SB 678 Plan, move forward with the Incentives & Sanctions Continuum, and obtain revenue to enhance/add services for this target population
- Funded Treatment & Intervention Contract Services for High Risk Probationers

Chief Jenkins reported Probation will come back to the CCP with an update to the SB 678 Plan.

### **SANDAG SB 678 Second Annual Report**

*Dr. Cindy Burke, Director- SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Division*

Dr. Cindy Burke provided a summary of the Second Annual SB 678 Report completed by SANDAG.

### **PowerPoint: SB 678: Increasing the Success of High-Risk Probationers in San Diego County**

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Highlights from the presentation include:

- Study Groups
- Evaluation Overview
- Process Evaluation
- Impact Evaluation
- Sample Descriptions — Group Similarities
- Sample Descriptions — Group Differences
- Probation Officer Contacts
- Probation Officer Survey
- Top Five Control and Support Tasks
- Probation Officer Observation
- Five Skills Rated as Mastery Most and Least Often
- Probationer Survey
- Group 2 Referral and Receipt of Services from HHSA-Contracted Providers
- Drug Test Data — Outcomes
- Failure Rates up in 2013
- Possible reasons for Increased Revocations
- Recommendations
- Next steps

### **CCP Operating Format**

*Mack Jenkins, Chief Probation Officer- Chair*

Chief Jenkins reported that the full CCP will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. CCP Analyst, Jessica Hernandez, is working to secure a permanent meeting location. It is anticipated (pending the concurrence of the Executive Committee) that meetings of just the Executive Committee (Chief Probation Officer, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Superior Court, Nick Macchione-Director of HHSA, and Chief Jim Redmond of El Cajon PD) will meet only as there are action items which would require a vote of the Executive Committee. Chief Jenkins will recommend a standing meeting to coincide with the County budget preparation process.

**Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

**Meeting Wrap-Up**

There being no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm.

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